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Library clousure irks students

By Summer Dorr
Whalesong Staff

A student's weekend has come; Friday night is social time, Saturday is the day of rest and well Sunday, or is it Sunday night, is the time a student finally turns his or her focus to homework due Monday. Being as that is the typical student setup, why is the UAS Library only open from 1 p.m.-8 p.m. on Sundays?

"It bothers me that the library is closed at 8 p.m. on Sundays, of all days," said Andrew Parsons, UAS student. "All the universities down south are open until midnight on school nights, and it's irritating that I walk up to the library door and it's closed."

"It's a fact that most of us are procrastinators," Jennifer Loesh, UAS student said "Who is going to be finished studying or doing research by eight? Students should have a place to go late at night where they can study and seek solitude from the dorms or their own homes. The hours of the library need to fit the hours of the students."

According to Rita Bowen, of the Student Resource Center, "It is hard to find a time consistent for everyone." The library opens at 1 p.m. because of church and sleeping habits on Sunday morning, though when it comes to the choice to close the library doors at 8 p.m. it is just a question if the extra hours would be worth the money.

According to Lynn Shepherd, Assistant Director of the library, "There are two reasons the library closes early on Sunday: it costs more for the additional two hours and our tracking history."

The library has kept statistics on how many and what times students use the library, and the numbers had been down in evening usage, so the extra hours couldn't be justified Shepherd said. However, if there were enough requests for a change, perhaps that would change.

"I'm sure more people would come in the evenings, but most are aware of the short, established hours so they don't come," Parsons said.

In order to support the extended hours on Sunday or any other evening, another

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UAS produces leaders

By Eric Morrison
Whalesong Staff

UAS has a variety of different leadership opportunities, and now with the new Student Leadership Program, students will have the formal training to take advantage of these leadership positions. The program is one of the projects being implemented through the hard work of the new Vice Provost for Student Success, Vicki Orazem, and is being interwoven with a preexisting speech 218/418 leadership class taught by Laraine L. Derr.

As well as enrolling in the leadership course, students in the program are asked to participate in a weekend retreat, and upon completion are guaranteed a student leadership position for the Fall 2002 semester. During this retreat students will be trained for one of many available positions, including orientation leader, freshman seminar leader, peer mentor for Native and rural students, community advisors, student government leaders, and several others.

One of the main reasons for this program is to provide services for the needs of the incoming students, especially the freshman. Orazem said,

"There's a dual mission. First is for talented, successful students to connect with first year students. And the second is because the university is a great training ground for developing leaders for society."

Orazem helped create a successful peer leadership program while working at Montana State University, and hopes this new program will be the building block for a long and fruitful program here at UAS. "Eventually I would like to develop this into a certificate that students

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Photo by Scott Foster
Student Body President Mark Graves and Senator Jeff Quick collect signatures at the Nugget Mall that support funding for the University of Alaska system.

Student Government update

By Rosa Fonseca
Whalesong Staff

Did you exercise your right as a student to vote? On voting day could anyone really tell there was an election going on? Apparently not, for the numbers speak for themselves, 55 out of 2,187 students voted on January 29-30 for the candidates who were running for the student senator positions. This election, compared to others, had a very low turn out.

Antony Pizzuto, a non-traditional student from Spokane, WASH., decided to run for senator because he wants to see some changes. "My goal is to possibly get a radio station here at the school," he said after the pizza party held at Bullwinkle's Pizza Parlor, the Sunday preceding the election.



Photo by Scott Foster stacked photos by Rosa Fonseca
(Left) Student Government sponsors a pizza party. (Top right) Amy Nelson and her boys socialize with students at Bullwinkle's. (Lower right) Tony Pizzuto earns enough votes to become a new senator.

Also at Bullwinkle's vying for one of the three senator positions was Amy Nelson who greeted students and faculty members, with the support of her two little boys who really enjoyed the video games and balloons that ornamented the place. This event was an opportunity created by Student Government to get together with UAS students in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. After all, pizza is an attraction in itself.

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A new professor and a new program

By Montgomery Mahaffey
Whalesong Staff

Perhaps it was a strange place to choose, but Abigail, or "Abbie," Levin didn't object to meeting at Louie's Douglas Inn for an interview about her position as the new instructor, hired by UAS to set up a minor degree program in Women's Studies. It was inspiring to discuss feminist theory in a bar that could be called the Last Bastion of the Good Ole Boy, with the finest drinkers Douglas had to offer providing the background noise.

Levin sets an example for feminism in action, being highly accomplished at such a young age. In her late twenties, she is currently working towards a Ph.D. in Philosophy, besides having a law degree. She found, after working in the latter field for a year, that she missed the "world of ideas and comfortable clothes" and returned to philosophy.

"My background is theory," Levin said during our interview. "But I took a lot of Women's Studies classes in undergraduate school." Teaching the intro courses in WS and Philosophy, she is also organizing the events for Women's History Month. Next year, she'll teach an upper division Feminist Theory class and, with other courses cross-listed from other departments, has set up a WS minor.

Although she teaches in a casual style, trading in the authority at the blackboard stance for sitting in an easy pose on her desk, her syllabus is demanding. She starts the course with a solid history of the evolution of feminist theories before she runs the gamut of women's issues. She touches on everything from beauty and sexuality to power politics

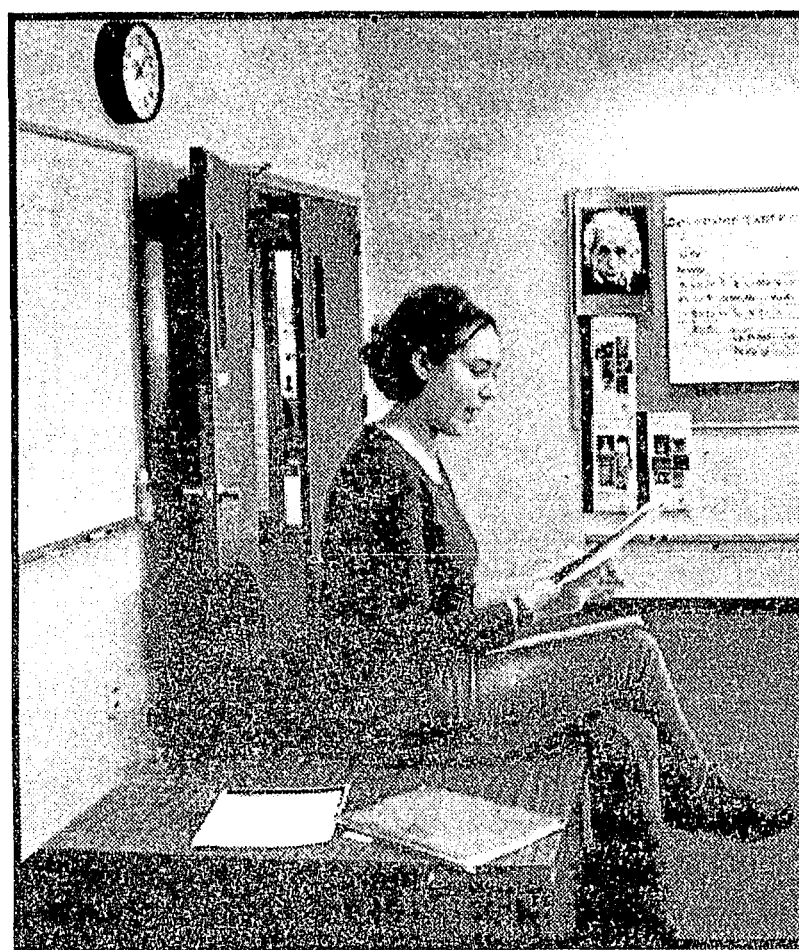


photo by Montgomery Mahaffey
Abigail Levin teaches Women's Studies and Philosophy.

and career opportunities to reproductive rights and welfare and even gay and lesbian issues. She requires regular journal entries to cover the emotional side of learning, and there is a great deal of reading by feminist writers of various backgrounds.

"I think Women's Studies is a misnomer," Levin said. "I think this course could be called Oppression Studies. Up until 1980, white

that includes differences between women in the first world and the third world, women of color, gays and lesbians. The ways oppression occurs extends much further than gender."

"I think it (feminism) is about looking at dominant culture with a critical gaze and then deciding how you want to live your life more freely," Levin said. "I'm certainly not a separatist feminist. I think men are sort of a red herring in feminism. We've come a lot further than to think it's individual MEN that are keeping us down. It's more of a range of things - it's capitalism; it's patriarchy; it's this point in history; it's commercialization of culture. Yes, they're male concepts, but I don't think Women's Studies is about how anti-male you want to be. I'd say the theme I'd like to get across is to think big. Think about the range of possibilities that are open to us."

Levin offered a quote by Audre Lorde when she was asked to give her definition of a strong woman to close the interview.

"When I dare to be powerful - to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid."

This lofty conversation was interrupted by one of Louie's esteemed patrons who wanted us to settle a bet being made at the bar as to whether we were "under twenty-two," the highest compliment in this world.

LaDuke kicks off Women's History Month

By Kim Porter
Whalesong Staff

The third annual Women's History Month is beginning soon at UAS. This year the celebration will begin February 19 at UAS with a presentation from Winona LaDuke. Although Women's History Month is celebrated in March, LaDuke is joining UAS for an early celebration to present Juneau with "Politics, Motherhood, and Environmental Justice."

Born in 1959, LaDuke grew up in Los Angeles. She graduated from Harvard University, but did not wait until graduation to become fully involved with issues of minority groups, especially those of the Indian population. As a young Anishinabe woman, LaDuke began to represent the American Indian population by speaking in front of the United Nations. It was not long before she started her own programs to support and advocate for minority groups. Currently she is very involved in organizing a program to resist the selling of Indian land for storage of chemical waste.

LaDuke's political involvement led her to the last two presidential elections, in which she ran as the Green party's vice-presidential candidate in with Ralph Nader. One of LaDuke's greater accomplishments was in 1995 when Time Magazine listed her as one of the "50 Leaders of the Future."

To learn more about Winona LaDuke and the accomplishments of this young female leader, come to her presentation Tuesday, February 19 at 7:30pm in the Egan Library. LaDuke's two published books, *Last Standing Woman* and *All Over Relations*, will be available for sale and her presentation at UAS.



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can use on their resumes," she said.

Enrolled in this program are a variety of different students with different leadership backgrounds, all who have individual goals for this program. First year student Ryan Rooks said, "I think that it's a great program because it is very unique. People in leadership positions at the school will have a better understanding of their jobs and will be more effective."

Several members of the student body government are participating in this program. Student Body President Mark Graves said about the program, "It builds future leaders, and those students will be the leaders helping the university reach its full potential." As a current student leader, Graves looks forward to how this program will help improve his ability to lead. "I personally hope to further my skills and to become a more productive and effective leader within the university, as well as the community," he said.

In one way or the other, the university will benefit from this program. With hard work and dedication from everyone involved, the program will reach its anticipated outcome. Orazem said, "The intended outcome is to develop students to lead in university programs and who will develop into future leaders who will challenge the present and enrich the future."

STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Juneau Gastineau Rotary Club is offering scholarships through the Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship program. The nine-month Academic-Year Scholarship and a three to six month Cultural Scholarship. Application deadline is April 15, 2002 for academic year starting after July 1, 2003.

For more information see the following website: http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/index.html#types
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Dear Editor,

RE: High school students putting up banner saying "Bong hits for Jesus" during Olympic torch run.

We can thank the free speech advocates at the high school for reminding us how pervasive substance use and abuse is in our society. I wonder what these people do when they reach 25 and realize they can't live with mom and dad anymore and can't really work because they can't concentrate, are confused most of the time and have a serious addiction to pot? Is this when they switch to pills? Will they then blame their problems on mom and dad? Is there going to be any time in their life when they aren't under the influence and have some idea who or what they really are?

Of course the most serious problem drug is alcohol. Just ask any policeman. What Juneau should do is attach a five percent tax to all sales of alcohol, and its stinky friend cigarettes; then use the revenues to build a new pool in the valley (Really). Drinkers won't even notice. And if you can't afford fifty cents more every time you spend ten dollars on booze, THEN YOU DRINK TOO MUCH. Sorry I have to be the heavy. Someone should have told you a long time ago. Yes your \$4.50 glass of beer would then cost about \$4.75 but if we really tally the cost of alcohol in terms of what we spend to deal with all the problems it causes or is a part, then the tax would be considerably more. In fact, if we began to treat alcohol fairly, the tax would be ten percent, the town would have to be dry two months a year, anyone caught bringing in more than two cases would go on a list of alcohol importers and there would be a sign on the door of every liquor establishment that says, "HARD DRUGS SOLD HERE." This is probably too simple and too close to the truth for our government leaders but we can always hope. Intelligence for Jesus.

Joe Parnell

The Dailey Word (?) The Olympics are here again--who cares?

By Rob Dailey
Whalesong Staff

I remember it clearly: in the summer of 1984, my mother made me stand in our living room and watch the opening ceremonies of the Olympics in Los Angeles. She said it might be the only time I ever got to see them take place in my own country. Indeed, it was the only time she had seen it. The last Olympiad on U.S. soil had been in 1932. Since then, the Games have changed, and it all started that very year.

After struggling through five volatile decades - from the Depression of the 1930's, the war of the 1940's, the Cold War and protests of the 1950's and '60's, to the terrorism in the 1970's - the Games had gotten ugly, over-politicized, and were in serious danger of disappearing back into Greek history. Then they came to America in 1984 and were reborn, our way.

Because of the pall that hung over the Games in the early 80's, and because Montreal had racked up an enormous debt on the '76 Games (due to suffocating anti-terrorism security measures - Sound familiar?), the City of Los Angeles refused to underwrite their own event. That left, to the Americans, only one solution.

For the first time in history, the Olympics were for sale. Los Angeles organizers offered to let corporations

help pay for the Games, allowed the hollowed rings to appear on everything from shoes to beverages to tires, and, for the first time ever, the Olympics made a healthy profit.

After this, there was no turning back. At a meeting two years later, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) voted to offset the Winter Olympic Games starting in 1994, thus making the Games every two years and giving the Olympiad's relatively unrecognized little brother an equal place on the world stage.

Although relevant IOC justification for this move is scarce and rhetorical, it seems obvious that with the new possibilities for profit in the Games, every four years just wasn't enough. The amount of time in which the corporations could hype the event was suddenly doubled.

Further increasing exposure and interest was the IOC's decision in the 1988 Seoul Games to allow fully professional athletes to compete. The once strict amateur venue was now overrun by the world's best overpaid athletes. The appearance of the U.S. "Dream Team" in Barcelona in 1992 typified the new personality of the Games.

It's a familiar personality, another Super Bowl-World Series-NBA Championship spectacular, only bigger, longer, and more diverse. These types of events have

their place, but don't we have enough of them?

The Olympics, so they tell us, are about something else. They are about peaceful international competition and interaction between countries on a personal level.

They're supposed to teach us that politics don't matter, that we're all just people who want the same thing. That thing, I thought, was happiness, maybe freedom, but now it seems, with these Olympics, that it's money.

I know I sound like a Commie, but I'll say it: I'm tired of being a consumer. I'm tired of always having my "am-I-just-buying-into-advertising?" guard up. Maybe it wouldn't be so bad if they dropped the ceremony and pretense and just let it be what it has become, but then, of course, people probably wouldn't watch.

Now they run the risk of overdoing it. Right now it seems like the Games in Sydney just closed, and I can't escape the Salt Lake City hype. At least every four years we had a chance to recuperate, reminisce, and anticipate. Now, who cares?

Still, I'm glad my mother made me watch the 1984 ceremonies. It was the beginning of an era, and it may have been the last time someone treated the Olympics with such reverence.

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Get your sleep together

By Pam Webster, LCSW
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While browsing the bookstores in Berkeley this holiday break, serendipity led me to "The Promise of Sleep," by William C. Dement, MD, PhD, a sleep research pioneer who has taught a class at Stanford on sleep and dreams for many years. Dr. Dement has also inspired students to create a Stanford Student Task Force on Sleep—which turns out to be very relevant since he reports that college students are second only to high school students in level of sleep deprivation.

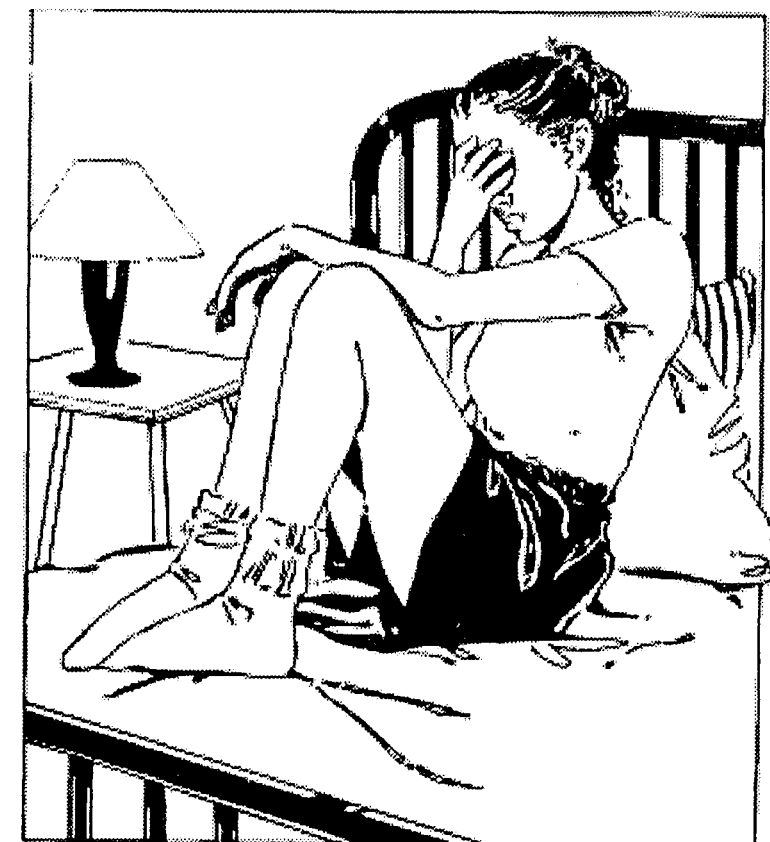
I learned from reading his entertaining and extremely practical book that in humans there are two systems involved in sleep and wakefulness: Clock-dependent alerting and sleep debt. "Clock-dependent alerting" refers to the two waves of alertness that people get daily. The average adult gets these waves of alertness about 9 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. (in spite of not taking a nap). In between the waves of alertness, a dip in energy registers for most people after lunch. That's when clock-dependent alerting is weakest and the sleep debt presses more on the consciousness, making people sleepy after lunch. Dr. Dement says that after lunch sleepiness is not due to the meal that you ate. Rather, it's a function of how much sleep debt you owe. The more lost sleep you need to make up, the sleepier you'll be during the dip in clock-dependent alerting. Interestingly, the average young adult gets his or her evening surge of alertness about 10 p.m.—which presents a time/sleep management challenge or nightmare!

Sleep researchers have shown that adolescents need the same amount of sleep as children, or about 9.5 hours nightly. Many adolescents no longer have "bedtime" and stay up late on the computer, seriously compromising their ability to learn in school the next day. College

students who live in the residence halls are lucky that they live on campus and don't have to get up early to commute to school (as they did in high school). They can choose to take a class that starts at 9 a.m., for instance. **The problem comes when college students don't make sleep a priority and develop a chronically sleep-deprived life-style.** This results in falling asleep in class, missing classes due to oversleeping or napping, and being physically present in class but not mentally there.

As you have probably surmised, your sleep "debt" is the amount of sleep you "owe" to feel clear and lively again. Dr. Dement states that most people sleep 1.5 hours a day less than their great grandparents did 100 years ago due to the invention of the electric light, as well as due to the pressure of modern society (24-hour grocery stores, shift work, cable TV, and the constant availability of the Internet). It's really hard to shut off the stimuli of modern life in order to get a good night's sleep when so much is going on "24/7."

Dr. Dement recaps a number of sleep studies that look at sleep debt: In one such study subjects were required to spend 8 hours a night in bed for a control week. For the next month they had to spend 14 hours a night in the dark in bed. On the first night of the experimental condition subjects slept an average of 12 hours (in spite of getting 8 hours a night the week before)! On the last night of the experimental condition subjects slept an average of 8 hours and 15 minutes (after 5 weeks of getting "a good night's sleep"). So, all you students who tell me you do quite nicely on 6 hours a night, please take heed that you're quite likely building a huge sleep debt. In fact, if you fall asleep within 5 minutes of hitting the pillow, you're dangerously sleepy, whether you feel tired or



not. Dr. Dement is especially concerned that people be aware that "Drowsiness is red alert." Just a couple of seconds of microsleeping at the wheel of a car can lead to death. In addition, it's important to know that if you're tired, you'll get drunker quicker when you drink alcohol, perhaps with unintended consequences.

About half of all humans acknowledge that they sometimes have trouble sleeping. Dr. Dement suggests that an evolutionary reason may exist for insomnia: In an emergency our brains can override our sleep debt system by using adrenaline, anxiety, and stress, thus keeping the mind "alert and ready to react." Unfortunately, the downside of our emergency alert system is that "Our much-needed ability to transcend, when necessary, the limits of clock-dependent alerting can assert itself when there's no threat keeping us awake." Voila, insomnia.

Don't crash this semester because you shorted yourself on sleep. Call 465-1298 to make an appointment to strategize a better sleep schedule or to get set up for light therapy (which can help "night owls" re-set their inner clocks to wake up earlier and easier naturally).

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librarian would need to be hired and present and extra costs would be involved. The reason being is that one non-student adult must be present during all library operating hours.

"Once the additional classroom wing is open, we are hoping to extend library hours," Shepherd said. "We are preparing a good case that if a classroom is open, the library should be too. We are lobbying for budgetary support for this."

For those students who need to use the library's resources and the library isn't open, UAS has computing services online.

"The Internet library services available for UAS students take away the necessity for students to need to be in the (UAS) library," Bowen said. "It is so easy to use and it's just like being in the library."

"Anyone who is officially affiliated with UAS may obtain a user number and PIN and use the licensed databases, anytime and anywhere," Shepard said. "These databases are for students to use 24/7."

"There is a huge collection of electronic books, almost 11,000, available for check-out and over 9,600 full text periodicals available for view and print for students benefit," Shepard said.

So, for those students who want longer hours in the library, drop by a letter of request because enough feedback could change operating hours. Otherwise, check out what the UAS library homepage has to offer at www.uas.alaska.edu/uas/library.



Photos by Scott Foster

(lower right) UAS' Graphic artist, Greg Cohen was a guest at the weekly Global Connections meeting Feb. 8 and he talked about his trip to China. (Top) The supervisors in Computing Services took their staff out for lunch to say thank you for great work on Feb. 6. To add a special touch, they hired a limo and took the crew to lunch in grand style. (lower left) A beautiful view of downtown Juneau - it's a winter wonderland.



Marla J. Booth

Editor's Note:

I don't have much to say which is good because...well, that should be obvious. I do want to send out a public apology to Jennifer Howell. This is one more time I have cut her photos or stories because of lack of space. I am truly sorry and I will run them in the following issue. The other reason I wanted to write a little something is for the mere fact that I wanted to get my picture in the paper. Yes, I admit it - I am vain.

FEATURES

Excursions

By Emily Wescott
Whalesong Staff



UAS offers many activities to its students during the school year. From camping trips to dances at the SAC, this school goes to great lengths to provide entertainment for those who seek it. Why then, is the turnout sometimes sparse? Why do a lot of students shy away from them? It is not because the events offered are not fun, but perhaps because a good percentage of the UAS community is untraditional students, students with children, students who are older than others, and students with different tastes.

It has been mentioned by many that the activities at UAS are not targeted at these students. A 30-year-old woman with a child may not want to get a babysitter so she can dance at the SAC on a Friday night. A student living downtown may hang out in different circles than the students who live on campus, and they don't want to drive all the way to campus to hang out with people they barely know. What is there for these students to do? It is well within the power of those at the University, especially those at this paper, to provide information about other enticing events and places to go in Juneau.

While the University should be commended for its efforts, it is time there was a column that did this for students. Therefore, every issue will outline upcoming events in Juneau, as well as give reviews of places and events that we have found either amazing or hideous.

We welcome your suggestions about places and events that may interest students. Without these suggestions, you are at the mercy of the author... In the meantime, this is the first time I've done this and I must fill you in on two of my recent experiences, both of which were at bars. Remember, you MUST be 21 or older to go to these places. You will not be able to sneak in, trust me. And don't worry, if you're not into the bar thing, there's plenty more to come.

Henry's

Saturday night is Ladies Night at Henry's. For those of you that don't know, Henry's used to be

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Tabby's. Offering a snazzy new atmosphere and fellow student Big Jay bartending, Henry's provides a mellow setting to sit around with friends, play pool, eat food, and yes, drink alcohol. There are always specials on Ladies Night - the last time I went, they had pitchers for \$8 and offered a couple of exotic mixed drinks for a good price. Big Jay is spinning his favorite tunes, but I'm sure you can persuade him to play a few of yours too. And don't forget karaoke night on Thursdays.

Squire's
Wet Wednesday has turned into a major event for the over-21 crowd at UAS. Located right here in Auke Bay, Squire's is perfect for a mid-week break from studying. This event started out as the brainchild of former Student Body President Josh Horst and the current President, Mark Graves. With the help of the owners Troy and Branden, these two transformed a sleepy restaurant and bar into a Mecca of good times and great deals. Every week there is a new special beer that costs \$2.50 a pint.

At the first Wet Wednesday of the school semester, Squire's raffled off a pair of skis, and a couple of weeks later they raffled a snowboard. If you're early enough, grab some food from Pappy Poe's. If you're late, as usual, grab a killer hot dog from Bridget. If you like music, you have several choices. The Bastards are a band whose members are some of your fellow students, and they play great covers of all your favorite rock and punk, including some songs you swear you haven't heard for years. In fact, they are involved in one of the premier activities we'll have this semester. Mid February, they're opening for the band theLine. The owners of Squire's Rest also perform at Wet Wednesdays - their band Rock 'N Roll Machine plays blues and classic rock with a flair. Faculty members have been known to seek relief and relaxation there too - perhaps you'll be surprised to see your favorite teacher downing a beer in front of your eyes. Come down and see what fun is in store for you.

Upcoming Events

Here are some events that I might check out for you for the next issue. But please don't let this stop you from checking them out for yourselves.

For those of you with children up to 1 year old, there is a **baby-parent time** every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Bartlett Regional Hospital. There is also a library story time for all ages at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Downtown Library, the Douglas Library and the Mendenhall Valley Library, respectively. Your child will have fun and learn, and hey, maybe you will too.

So you've played racquetball, basketball, botchle ball - all the balls to be played with - and you want a change. Check out the **adult badminton** open gym at Auke Bay Elementary School every Thursday from 8-10 p.m. Adults as well as teenagers frequent this event, and all skill levels are welcome. You need only pay a \$3 gym fee for two hours of crazy fun. And yes, they do provide shuttlecocks.

Did you know that there are organ concerts in the State Office Building atrium every Friday at noon?

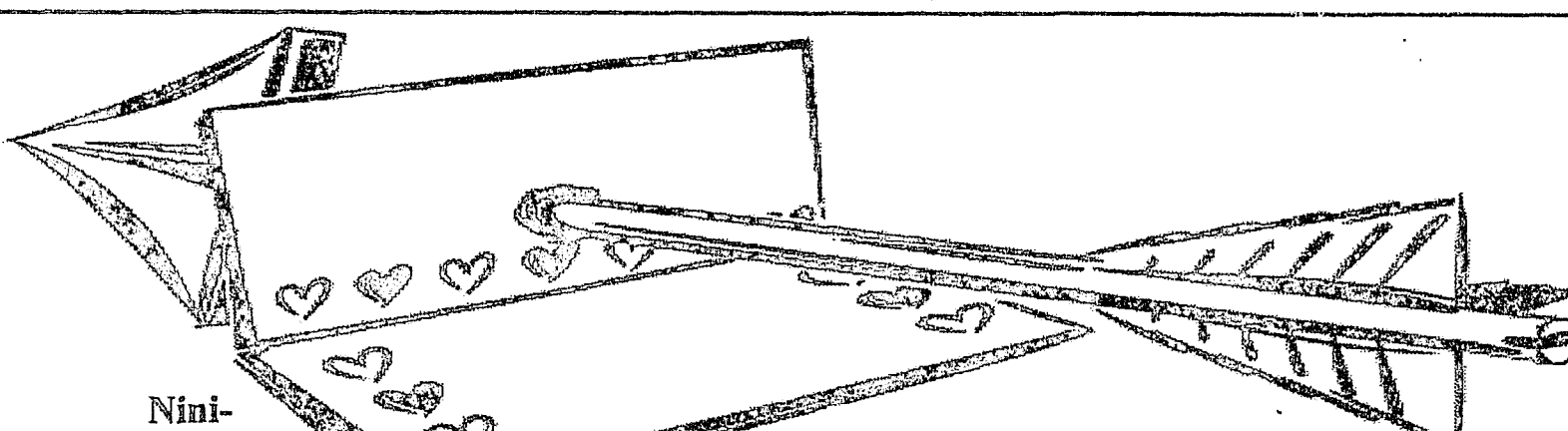
You Should Not Miss These Events!

The Juneau Arts and Humanities Council presents the Alvin Ailey II Dance Company, 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 15 at the JDHS auditorium. You can buy tickets at Hearthsides Books, Rainy Day Books and at the door. Tickets cost \$22 for adults, \$18 for students and seniors, \$75 for a family ticket (four or more people). This looks like a really fascinating event. For more information, check out the ad in the Juneau Empire or call 586-2787.

Do you consider your wardrobe a work of art? No matter how inventive you are, you may not come close to the artists in "Going to Extremes II, the 2nd Annual JAHWC Wearable Art Show." Just go to the ANB Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 22 and be prepared to be entertained. Tickets are the same as above - you'll be paying around \$18. The only thing I'm sure about with this event is that I'll be there. I'm intrigued.

Love Notes

Happy Hearts Day
from the staff of
TheWhalesong!



Nini-

You are the epitome of "a little bundle of joy!" I admire you, not only do you excel at your objectives, but you surpass them. Thanks for being a friend!
-Pamela
Your Fave Co-worker

Sandra Libbey-

Your lips are like nectar
Your eyes are like stars
Your hair feels of silk
On my face,
As I steal one more kiss
You're my Venus
From: Tyler Bishop

Kaolin-

You are the fire in my cracker.
The opium in my pudding.
The decadence in my chocolate.
Happy Valentine's Day!
From: M.

Corona-

My amigo, my comrade, my buddy. My life would simply be absurd without you in it! I appreciate you and am so glad that among the multitude of IM and e-mail correspondences I rate in the top 10. (At least I better damn it!)
Happy V-Day!
-Tours and Cabs Couch Potato

Kitty-

Happy Valentine's Day.
From: Cookie

Doc-

Your sensitivity stirs me. It's a grand pleasure to work with you. I can't wait till I can buy you a beer and toast your "you-ness"
-Deb

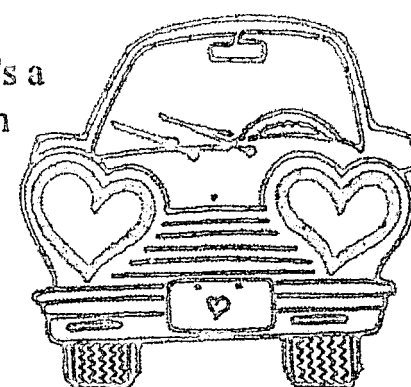
Rob-

Your intellectual prowess turns me on. Someday maybe you will notice I am alive-until then, I remain,
-Your Secret Admirer

Gestosa-

I love watching you walk.
From: Lustful looker

Summa. Summa. Summertime- words cannot describe you! You are the reason MC Hammer wrote the song "My Adidas" and I love it! (I love it so much that I bought a pair of Adidas shoes and I love them!) I love you, you make me laugh and I say the following without any desire for Coors Light "I love you, Man!"
-Your Favorite 30 year old.



You're the Man, Dave.
Love, E.

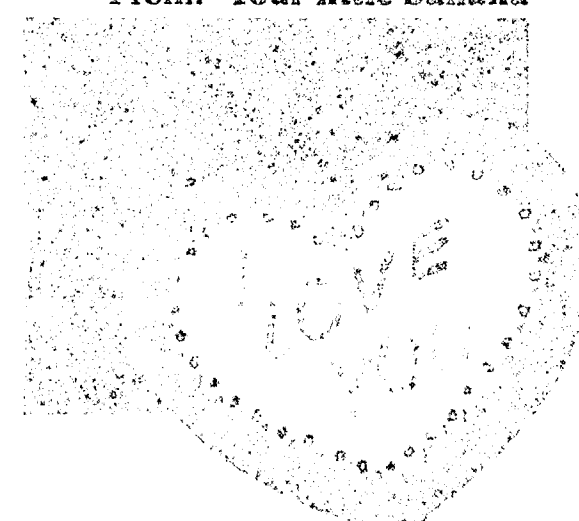
Kathy-

My giggle-twin sister, you taught me the meaning of "I love you."
-Rosa

Jennifer-

You are a sweetie! I promise never to add another lame-o line to the end of your story. My deepest apologies. I hope you have a great Heart's day!
-MJ

To My Love Monkey-
You can climb my vine anytime!
From: Your little banana



Rev. R.J Comma-

I am in awe of your grammatical genius! I pay homage to your sense of self. At times I think as Wayne and Garth, "I'm not worthy!" Gasp! Could it be a crush? Naw! But I will say that you are just too cute! I foresee an extraordinary future for you and am delighted to know you. All the best!
-The Comma Reviser

Jennifer-

I love you so much, and will always love you forever. I can't wait for what the future brings us.
From: Daniel

Montgomery-

You have a passionate desire to accomplish something prodigious. With this aspiration you are sure to succeed! Don't ever waiver!
-MJ

Hi doll!

Let's go out again soon. It was quite fun. Bi for now...

Rosa-

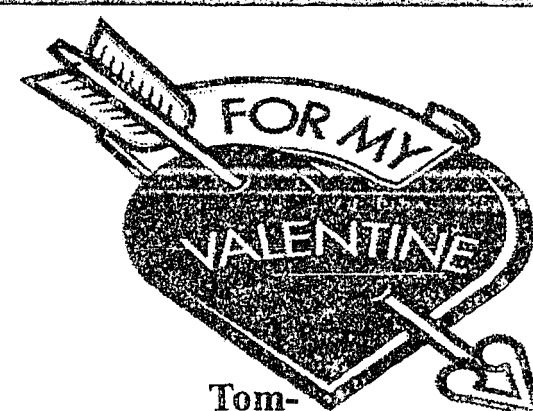
You are too cool! Through humor, laughter, frustration and heartache you continue to evolve, not everyone with your life's experience can say, let alone do, what you have done. I applaud you and will continue to drag you out occasionally on Thursdays to sing!
-Your karaoke backup singer

My Fundkin-

For my lil Hotty
Cause you are so Notty—
Happy V-day Angie

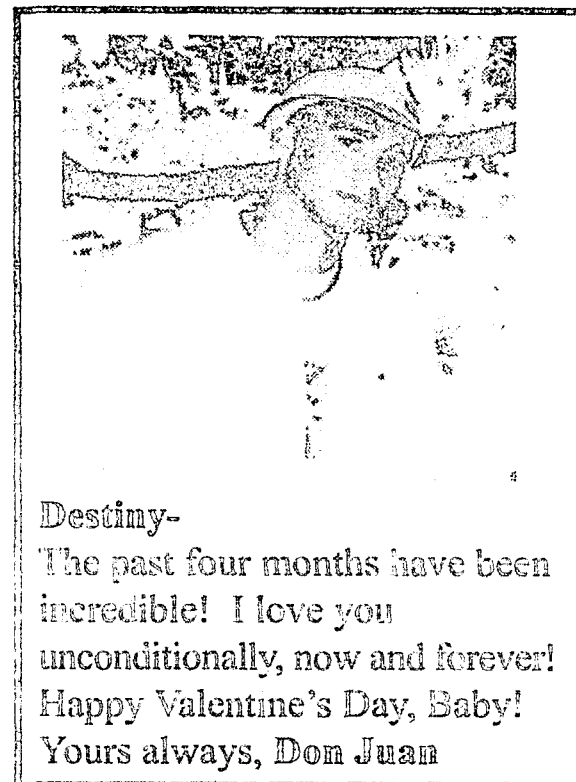
Emily-

It is apparent that you constantly exceed goals and achievements, besides your love and her child, I am confident that your goals will have a mushy-gushy Valentine's Day! Be sure to play Dire Straits *Romeo and Juliet* over and over and over again! Enjoy!
-Marla



Tom-

You have brought so much to my life. Happy Valentine's Day Sweetie and know that I love you!
-Tish



Destiny-

The past four months have been incredible! I love you unconditionally, now and forever! Happy Valentine's Day, Baby!
Yours always, Don Juan

Kirk-

You are the cats meow! Your guidance and wisdom has been indispensable. You have become one of my most prominent mentors. (And no, I'm not trying to rack up brownie points...but still, how am I doing?) I hope you and your family have a fabulous V-Day! With brown-nosing exuberance, yet sincere esteem I am,
-The Clip-art Queen

Marie-
HAPPY

VALENTINE'S DAY,
BABY!!! I LOVE YOU.
-Adam

Tanya, Lee-Ann, Tia-

You chica's Rock my world. Ton's of fun now and then.
-Jeff



Marlee-

Thank you for sharing a beautiful existence. For dreaming, loving, living, and allowing me to be a part of it all. Forever.
From: Your Love Eternal

Voice on Campus Poll

"What is your opinion about Valentine's Day?"
Photos and quotes compiled by Rosa Fonseca

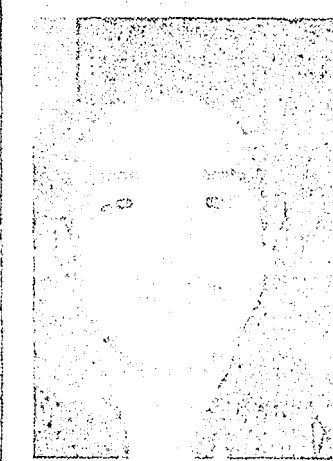


Billy Dushkin

"Valentines is good if you get a box of those sweetheart candies, if not it's worthless."

Holly Smith

"Why America, ...why?"

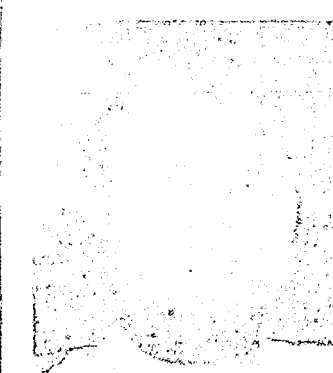


Nicki Burn

"Valentine's Day is a lot more fun when you're a little kid in school and you get those little cards and candies."

Charles Lindley

"It's massively exploited by the greeting card industry. However, it's the only day romantic love is celebrated, in other words, I'm for it."



Chad Armstrong

"Considering that I like to make my girlfriend happy, it's one of the most important days of the year."

Cheryl Tatham

"It's a marketing tool, but it's definitely nice when you're at the receiving end."



Some Valentine history

By Kim Porter
Whalesong Staff

Many people give flowers, chocolate, candy, and other gifts on February 14 of every year, but few people know the history behind St. Valentine's Day. Who is St. Valentine and why have we dedicated one day of the year to this man?

The answer is not simple. There are many legends about St. Valentine, but the true story is unknown. It has been said that St. Valentine was a Roman priest who died around 270 A.D. or that he was a bishop of Terni who was martyred in Rome. Many people believe St. Valentine was an imprisoned Christian who sent messages to friends the day of his execution—February 14—and signed them "Your Valentine." Although there are many different legends about the history of February 14, the only fact that appears to hold true in nearly all legends regarding St. Valentine is that he was killed for being a Christian. Still, why do we celebrate the death of St. Valentine, whenever he is, by sending gifts to others?

Regardless of the true story of Valentine's Day, many people already have great plans for February 14 this year in honor of St. Valentine.

Waterman and Snowman head outdoors program

By Montgomery Mahaffey
Whalesong Staff

Few things in life are free. Sad but true, everything costs. So when somebody offers something for nothing, that is a beautiful thing. The coordinators of Outdoor Activities at UAS say they offer exactly that. Well, sort of. The SAC fee full-time students pay as part of their tuition covers the cost. Matt Wolcott and Levi Ott, both avid outdoorsmen, head this recreational program at the university — offered for the sole purpose of giving students a chance to get out in the nature of Southeast Alaska. Wolcott is enthusiastic about his position.

"My job is to help the students experience the outdoors. Any student... It gives them a chance to get out of the dorms and do some things they normally wouldn't do on their own... I'm really excited about taking people who've never camped before, never experienced this kind of thing."

Having served over seven years in the infantry of the Marine Corps, Wolcott is confident in his abilities to lead groups in the outdoors from anything as brief as a day hike to more arduous challenges. He also pointed out that he is a "water man" and looks forward to...

...kayaking trips later in the semester, while Ott, "the snowman", who has level one avalanche training, is into

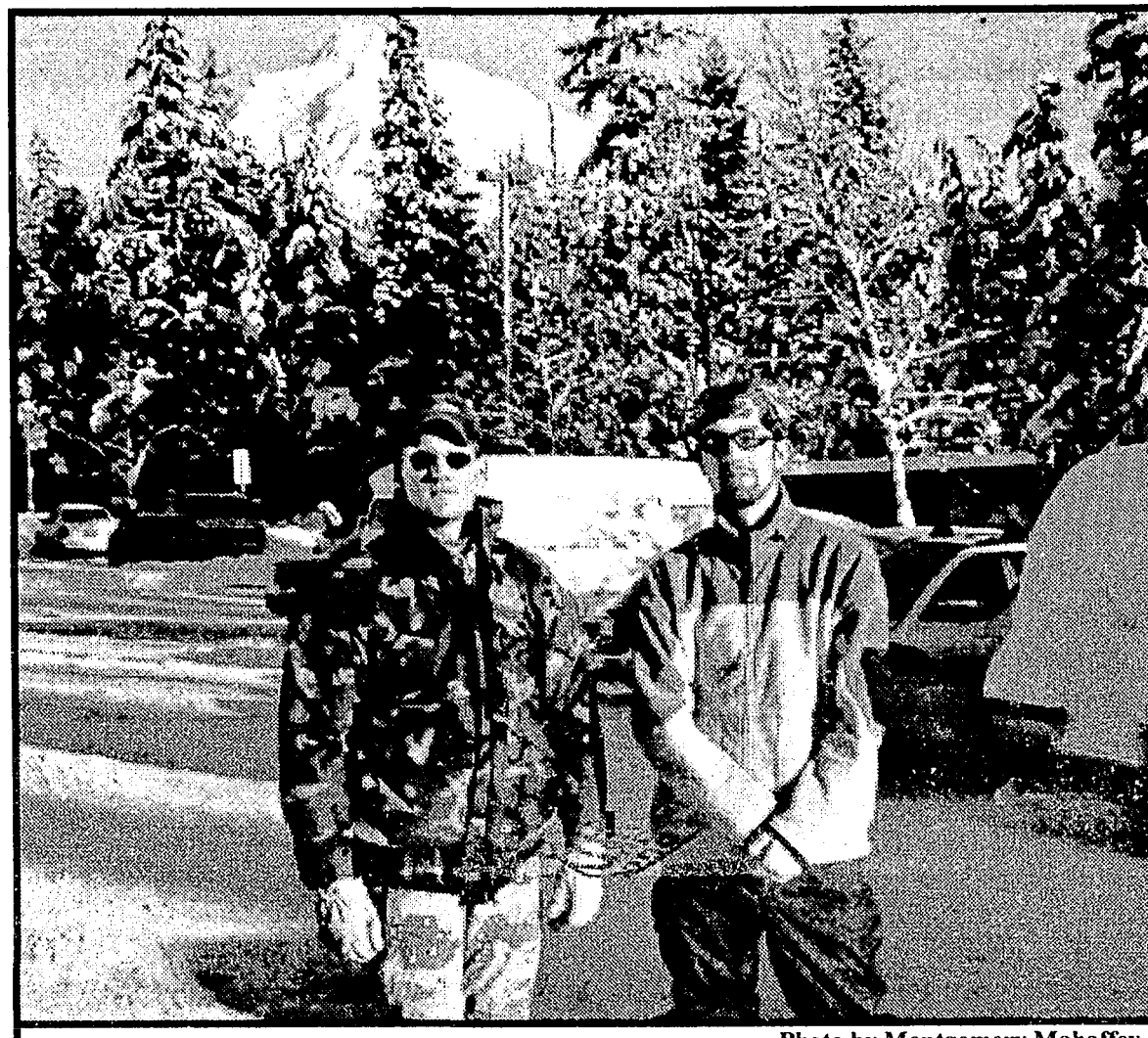


Photo by Montgomery Mahaffey
Geared up for the outdoors Matt Wolcott and Levi Ott coordinate UAS' outdoor activities

more of the winter mountaineering challenges, such as back-country skiing, snowshoeing, etc. Ott is enrolled in the Outdoor Studies Certificate program here at UAS. They balance each other out, thus providing a wide variety of things to do. Every Saturday, the students can count on something going on, especially early in the semester before their course load gets too heavy.

So far they're off to a great start this semester. The last weekend in January, Wolcott and Ott took a large group on an overnight hiking/

camping trip. The Outdoor Activities rented both cabins at Point Bridget to accommodate the group and everyone reportedly had a great time with sunny weather as a plus and a broken heater as a minus.

Ott hopes to get approval on a backcountry skiing/snowboarding trip in mid-February, during Winterfest Week. If all goes well, the trip would entail hiking up to the Dan Moller Cabin, staying the night, finishing the hike up to Troy Mountain, and skiing all the way to the Eaglecrest parking lot. Ott

claimed that athletic ability was the only requirement for the trip — ability to ski black diamond trails would be advisable.

This is a definite improvement over the tepid interest generated in early attempts to start a program like this. According to Ott, Dave Mason, the original coordinator, would plan great trips, but too often less than a handful of people would show — he and Wolcott being two of them.

"It seemed like it (the outing) was never posted anywhere," Ott said. "So this year, we've just gone all out, posting lots of flyers as well as hanging out in the cafeteria and talking to people. That's where we signed up all these people — at the Cafeteria Job Fair."

So far, these are the only overnight trips Wolcott and Ott have planned for the semester. But they would be willing to do what they can to accommodate a group who approached them about a trip — within reason. Then there is Spring Break, a time they could anticipate a big trip — depending on the interest. And the cost?

"There will never be a cost from us," Wolcott said. "If there's anything, it will be to buy your own food, but the University provides quality equipment they have for free."

Sculpture mystery solved

By Montgomery Mahaffey
Whalesong Staff

After some research, it seemed that none other than a student here welded the mystery sculpture standing outside the Egan Library at UAS. Art instructors Alice Tersteeg and Lynn Parker didn't have enough good things to say about Lisa Rickey, a single mother who has pursued welding and sculpture here and there as much as she can. Rickey has taken off this semester to work during the Legislative Session, probably to afford more time in the art studio. Since she was unavailable for comment, Tersteeg and Parker spoke for her. She had entered the sculpture in the Student Art Show at the end of fall semester 2001. Both Parker and Tersteeg hope she'll present her ideas to the UAS administration to be the sculptress that adorns the future campus courtyard with her work.

"It would mean so much to have the work done by a student here and her work is incredible," said Tersteeg.

As for the current sculpture, it doesn't stand to stay with us much longer because it has been sold to another buyer.



Photo by Montgomery Mahaffey

Global Connections Up Coming

EVENTS

February 15
Dr Rich Bell
Truth and Reconciliation
A South African Model

February 22
UAS in London
UAS Faculty to teach
in Spring 2003

March 1
Professor Robin Walz
On Amnesty International

12:30 ~ Mourant Student Lounge

Ketchikan & Sitka

Ketchikan campus is diverse and non-traditional

By Georgianna Zimmerle
Whalesong contributor

UAS Ketchikan campus offers personalized, career-oriented learning. A major challenge for the facility that provides higher education to people in Ketchikan is to answer the wide range of expectations and needs of the "non-traditional" student as well as the traditional college student. Students may range in age from under 18 years to over 60 years. Some of Ketchikan's students work at a job for up to and more than 40 hours a week. Often the non-traditional student takes a class with a goal other than getting a degree or certificate. Many of Ketchikan's students are taking a class due to personal interest in the topic, self-improvement or job advancement.

The Ketchikan campus is not like the conventional college campus. Resident housing is not available at the campus. Many students are already parents and wage earners. There is more of a family-style atmosphere in student social activities. Students hold a family potluck dinner instead of venturing out on a "pub crawl" or going to a party — activities the "traditional" younger student, taking his or her first adventurous steps into the adult world, enjoys.

The great appeal of UAS Ketchikan is its diversity. The University Campus offers certificate programs, associates of applied science degrees, and an associate of arts degree. Departmental certificates hand students the opportunity to train in a specific field like medical office and computer applications without pursuing a full college degree. A certificate with an emphasis in accounting and small business management concentrates intensive training in specific occupational areas. Certificate programs are available in Northwest Coast Native Art and the Visitor Industry. These programs are invaluable to people seeking



employment in the growing Ketchikan visitor industry. A certificate in Welding Technology is a valuable commodity to Ketchikan's shipyard and fishing industry.

The Ketchikan Career Center extends the opportunity for learning a new career in the field of maritime skills. Courses in sea skills and technology, computer-based radar training, and preparation for USCG license tests are popular. As Alaska's timber industry closes more doors, learning a new job becomes imperative to many household wage earners in Ketchikan. UAS Ketchikan has continuing education workshops for professionals, technical education in industrial health and safety, workshops in computer-assisted drafting, FAA testing, and health care training.

Ketchikan students crave a wider variety of courses. UAS Ketchikan works hard to deliver an extremely diversified program by using "special delivery" through a combination of on-site courses and distance delivery. Satellite and audio-conference classes open the door for many Ketchikan students to complete course work offered by other campuses within the University of Alaska system.

UAS Ketchikan campus sees the need and meets the challenge to serve both the traditional and non-traditional student in a community setting.

Sitka briefs

By Scott Foster
Soundings

The Community Wellness Advocate Program has received another USDA grant to increase and expand their training. Then students are currently enrolled in the 12-credit curriculum focusing on enhancing healthy lifestyles and wellness in rural communities. This Sitka-based distance delivered program will soon expand to 30-credits and be offered statewide.

The Office of Continuing Education is planning for a distance-delivered training program and conference for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders. This is a six-week, grant-funded certificate program ending in a three-day Sitka conference.

Pauline Fredrickson was re-elected chair and Rob Allen vice chair fo the Campus Advisory Council. Brady Fink has re-joined the Sitka staff as a permanent maintenance worker and is teaching diving as adjunct faculty. Brian Smith, former Sitka housing manager from 1993-1995, was killed in the Philippines by guerrillas on Jan. 31.

Ketchikan news briefs

By Scott Foster
Soundings

After a successful runway display at the 16th Annual Ketchikan Wearable Art Show, the design by Karen Polley, director, and Cathy LeCompte, business, "Thetis Water Goddess Returns to the Sea" was chosen for the invitational gallery show at the Main Street Gallery which runs through February.

Dale Miller, Ketchikan maritime education coordinator, has joined the Ketchikan faculty. He has worked on coastal freighters, tug boats, small passenger vessels and container ships from Hawaii to Oakland, along the Alaska coast and in Japan.

Karalynn Crocker-Bedford, Ketchikan science, has announced her resignation. After more than ten years at UAS Ketchikan, she and her husband are moving to Grand Canyon country. Recruitment is underway to fill her position.

American Dregs

By Alan Douglas Sucharzewski



The UAS Bookstore

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See display in the cafeteria

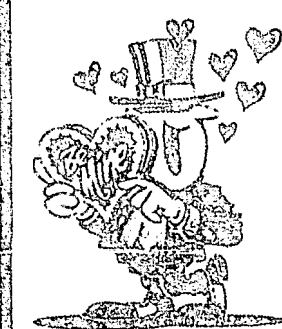
Feb. 11-14, 25% OFF
on Pink, Red, and White school supplies and clothing.
(not on textbooks or software)
See display in store
Free Hershey Kisses
on Valentine's Day

The following authors will be speaking on campus. **Winona LaDuke** on Feb. 19, and **Susan Griffin** on March 1. Their books will be for sale at the bookstore. Questions can be directed to Abigail Levin at 465-4937.

Sports & Entertainment

Preview

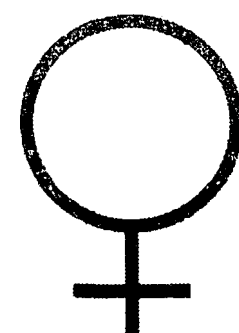
Tuesday, February 12th-
Turkey Bowling at the
totem circle, 1:30 p.m.



Thursday, February 14th-
Valentines Day, be sure to
tell your loved ones how
you feel.



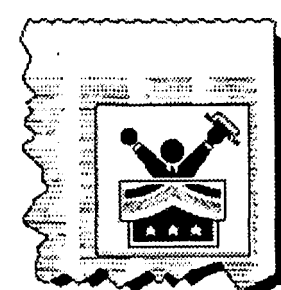
Saturday, February 16th-
Banff Festival of Mountain
Films, Centennial Hall, 7 p.m.



Tuesday, February 19th-
Guest speaker Winona
LaDuke for Women's
History Month, Egan
Library at 7:30 p.m.

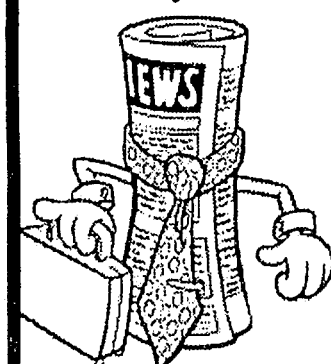


Friday, February 22nd-
SAC Comedians, Jeff
Capris and Dan Grueter,
6 p.m.



February 23rd until 26th-
Be sure to check out the
Legislative Affairs Confer-
ence to show your support
for the university.

Thursdays, 10 p.m. to close.
stop singing in the shower
and come check out karaoke
at Henry's.



Tuesday, February 26th-
Check out the next
Whalesong Issue!

Horoscopes

By Lasha Senjuk



Aries (March 21-April 20). Work officials may soon ask for detailed records. Watch for recent disputes or team indecision to create a need for accurate paperwork, completed duties or proof of ownership. Don't hesitate to refer to old rules or official contracts.



Taurus (April 21-May 20). An unusual business request may captivate attention. Shared duties, public relations, news gathering or media events may all be a concern. Authority figures will leave key elements vague; don't expect detailed or obvious instructions.



Gemini (May 21-June 21). Old promises, past employment aspirations or ongoing family discussions may be annoying. Even though career options are strong, loved ones may still not understand your motives or goals.



Cancer (June 22-July 22). Concentration and daily performance will be greatly affected by social events. Private discussions with colleagues or close friends may create an atmosphere of mistrust. Take extra time for reflection and inward thought.



Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Although career prospects and new educational projects are promising, avoid unclear documents or poorly defined contracts. Authority figures will react poorly to unfinished paperwork, delayed decisions or unusually creative input.



Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Close friends and relatives may be unexpectedly emotional. Watch for past family commitments or outdated romantic promises to captivate the attention of loved ones. Little of this will manifest as a serious or long-lasting concern, so don't worry.



Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Financial promises and new workplace instructions are accented. Watch for outdated procedures to create controversy. The past may be challenged. Pay close attention to minor political delays or unusual requests from managers.



Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Marital relations and long-term romantic expectations will clarify. Expect loved ones to request solid promises or shared home responsibilities. Some Scorpios, especially those born in early November, may also welcome several new friendships into their private lives.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Work attitudes and daily duties may dramatically change. Watch for previously silent work mates to publicly challenge the ideas of authority figures. Much of this may lead to fast action or temporary team assignments.



Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Gentle romantic overtures will be delightfully seductive. Rare flirtations and genuine statements of affection may all be captivating. However, new relationships will not be easily established; wait for romantic tensions to build before taking risks.



Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Pay close attention to the requests or observations of older friends and relatives. Someone close may offer valuable advice concerning family dynamics, home schedules or the private emotions of a loved one. Provide sensitive thoughts and new ideas; your efforts will soon create successful combinations.



Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Social messages will be emotionally productive. Expect previously shy or silent friends to propose unique group events, travel adventures or creative activities. Join in and enjoy the moment.

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Movie review of the week - *Black Hawk Down*

By Summer Dorr
Whalesong Staff

Rating - ☆☆☆ out of 4 stars

Black Hawk Down stars Josh Harnett (Sgt. Eversmann) and Ewan McGregor (Grimes) in this graphic, based on true story, war drama of the 1993 Battle of Mogadishu in Somalia. The movie follows a mission where the group of approximately 100 American soldiers find themselves outgunned, and their "surprise" attack is more of a surprise on them. The action is never ceasing once it begins, though men are dying left and right and you don't really care because of the lack of character development. You are barely able to keep track of their names let alone feel much emotion once their turn comes to take a bullet. Its disturbingly visual though without feeling a connection for the characters, you leave the theater thinking you just watched a war documentary and wonder if even the heartthrob, Josh Harnett, was worth the \$8.50.

Clark wins gold in women's halfpipe

By Kevin Fee
Knight Ridder Newspapers

SALT LAKE CITY - Tricia Byrnes had confidence in U.S. teammate Kelly Clark before Clark's final run in women's halfpipe snowboarding Sunday at the Olympics.

"She's so good," Byrnes said. "She'll kill it."

The 18-year-old Clark did just that, easily winning the event at Park City Mountain Resort.

Clark, the world junior champion in 2000, emerged as the top qualifier for the American team only a year after winning her first World Cup event in Sapporo, Japan. She earned three medals in three of her four World Cup events this season.

Still, the halfpipe favorite was Austria's Nici Pederzoli, who finished seventh.

Clark, of Mount Snow, Vt., finished with 47.9 points. Doriane Vidal of France took the silver medal with a 43.0. Winning the bronze was Switzerland's Fabienne Reuteler.

In addition to snowboarding, Clark likes to surf and was a top tennis player at Mount Snow Academy in Vermont.

In the meantime, the Austrian aces continued to dominate Alpine

skiing at the Olympics. This time, however, they had a wild card.

Fritz Strobl, a 29-year-old police officer who had never won a medal in a major competition, became the sixth Austrian to win the men's downhill in the 15 races since Alpine skiing made its Olympic debut in 1948.

"Yes, I thought I can do it," Strobl said. "I thought I had a chance. I had a great feeling this morning."

Strobl said he couldn't explain the Austrian downhill dominance.

"At the 1998 Olympics I was 11th, so this is a good way to get in front," he said. "I don't know the reason. We have good coaches. We worked hard this summer. We do our work."

Strobl took advantage of mistakes by teammate Stephan Eberharter for the victory Snowbasin Ski Area. Even without injured star Hermann Maier, Austria had three racers in the top six and all four in the top 20.

The lanky Strobl covered the 1.9 miles down the dizzyingly steep course in 1 minute, 39.13 seconds. Norway's Lasse Kjus won the silver in 1:39.35 and Eberharter, the pre-race favorite who has clinched this year's World Cup title, took the

bronze in 1:39.41.

"I was just thinking of racing down the course, not of winning," Strobl said.

American Daron Rahlves, fifth in the downhill at last year's World Championships and the reigning world champion in the super giant slalom, finished 16th.

"It's a tough one to swallow," Rahlves said. "I'm still kind of in a daze right now. It was just a very poor performance. The good thing is I've still got the super G coming on Saturday."

In other news Sunday:
-At Soldier Hollow, some call them the Flying Finns, but Samppa Lajunen of Finland made up a lot of ground on the ground.

Lajunen, his blue hair matching the flag that he waved as he crossed the finish line, easily overcame the 48-second margin he gave up at the start after the ski jumping segment, and won the Nordic combined gold medal. Lajunen finished the 15-kilometer cross-country portion of the race in 38 minutes, 18.7 seconds, the sixth-fastest ski segment.

Teammate Jaakko Taaus won the silver and Austria's Felix Gottwald took the bronze.

"This day was perfect," Lajunen

said.

The top U.S. finisher was Todd Lodwick, whose seventh-place finish was the best in American history. The previous best was Rolf Monsen's ninth-place finish in 1932.

"It's great to be the best American in history," Lodwick said. "I'm working toward being better in the sport. I didn't have it in me to get there for the medal today."

-At Utah Olympic Park, Switzerland's Simon Ammann gave his country its first ski jumping medal in 30 years by slipping past the favorites to win the 90-kilometer gold medal.

Jumping with a temperature at 12 degrees under a brilliant sun, the jumpers seemed to struggle for distance as a lack of wind gave them little takeoff lift. The conditions didn't seem to bother the 20-year-old Ammann.

"I still can't believe it," Ammann said. "The feeling before the last jump was horrible. I was so nervous. I've never won a World Cup - and now this."

Germany's Sven Hannawald won the silver and Poland's Adam Malysz the bronze.

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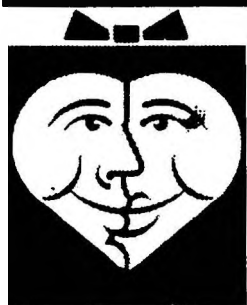
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Dr. Love and Deb Auchery

"They drive me crazy and their hair gets everywhere..."

Dear Doc and Deb:

My boyfriend has the worst table manners. He's always getting food on his face and he chews with his mouth open. And I don't even think he knows what a napkin is. I can't stand his disgusting table manners.

Doc Says:

This is Alaska, so how much are you really expecting out of a guy? Communication. I don't know how many times I can say it? Address the problem but don't expect much. He's probably been eating rudely his entire life, and you expect him to stop doing what he does for you. You must be something else if you expect to change someone.

Good luck.

Deb Says:

Buy him a Miss Manners book and tell him that his eating habits might need some rethinking because everytime you eat with him, you lose your appetite.

Dear Doc and Deb:

I can't stand my girlfriend's cats. They drive me crazy and their hair gets everywhere, especially on me. I have always been slightly allergic to cats but I

am now taking Allegra regularly and sneeze every day. It completely sucks. I need some good advice.

Doc Says:

I have given advice on cats once before but don't remember exactly what I said and I do not think that it was very good advice. I believe that my earlier advice was to let the cat outside and hope it does not return. I have since learned that this is wrong. Cats can be the key to a girl's heart. By being "friends" with the cat you show your girlfriend that you are capable of being sensitive if you choose to. This will earn you big points. By playing with the cat and showing your sensitive side you will be awarded accordingly, but for only so long. Letting the cat out may be your best bet after all.

Deb Says:

Find a new girlfriend, one who doesn't have cats. There is no way around this, if your current girlfriend is a cat-lover she won't change. Cats are pretty cool if you don't try to figure them out, but if you have allergies you either accept the fact that you are gonna be taking Allegra daily or you move along.

Dear Doc and Deb:

My roommate is always lowering her standards and sleeping with the most random guys. They are usually not much to look at, and the smells that some of them put off are hideous. How can I teach her to hold out for a guy that can meet her standards?

Doc Says:

You cannot be picking and choosing whom your roommate sleeps with. You can however introduce her to some guys that you think might live up to her standards. I think however you need to mind your own business. I will also go out on a limb and say that I think there are some jealousy issues going on here.

You seem to want her all to yourself.

Deb Says:

Ask her how she chooses the guys she sleeps with and tell her what you think, but you can't teach her anything that she doesn't want to learn. I would express some concern on your part if these random guys are in your place and you know nothing about them...it's a question of your own safety even if she chooses to jeopardize her own.

Annual Winterfest in full swing

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The Polar Bear Plunge, Turkey Bowling, and the Banff Film Fest are events UAS can count on every year for a week in February. Just over a decade ago these events and others began the UAS annual Winterfest. Tish Griffin, Director of Student Activities and Auxiliary Services, said, "I started Winterfest because I noticed that students needed something to get through the dark month of February." The annual Winterfest is now a huge hit with UAS and the Juneau community. However, Winterfest has not always been popular among the UAS student population. Griffin stated, "Every year I waited at the Auke Bay dock for people to jump in for the Polar Bear Plunge. The first time anyone jumped for the Plunge was in 1997 when Banfield Hall opened." Since the opening of the residence hall, Winterfest has become more student-oriented, using student input and requests for ideas.

Winterfest began in 1990 with events such as the human sled dog contest, ice-skating, winter camping, ice sculpting, and other weather dependent events. However, Griffin stated, "I soon realized that I had chosen what is usually the warmest week in February and I now try to get away from the weather dependent activities." While the week of Winterfest has remained the same, the activities change slightly from year to year.

Because Winterfest continues to expand with activities each year, some events are no longer included in the actual week of Winterfest but will occur at a different time. This year the UAS Day at Eaglecrest did not fit into the schedule and will therefore occur February 23. Meanwhile, some events have slowly filtered their way out of Winterfest. In the past, Facility Services has helped Student Activities make an enormous bonfire, held in the smaller parking lot outside of the Hendrickson Building. Last year was the end of the massive bonfire because of the plans to pave that lot soon.

This year the Banff film festival will be a Winterfest event and is sure

bring a full crowd to Centennial Hall. UAS Student Body President Mark Graves is pleased that Student Government is sponsoring the Banff film festival. Graves stated, "Winterfest is a great way to involve students as well as the community with UAS activities during an otherwise uneventful time of the year."

In addition to the traditional Winterfest activities, this year will include events new to UAS. If you have not yet checked out the festival, there are many activities still to come! Check out the posters around campus for further information.

Join in the fun of Turkey Bowling today at Totem Circle and win great prizes. Don't miss the ice cream social Wednesday. Shanti and Public Health are joining UAS for Winterfest this year for free HIV testing; meanwhile food services will offer free hot chocolate and a chocolate kiss to UAS students Thursday. To conclude Winterfest, we will start with a concert Friday evening at Centennial Hall—"Motivational Review" from JDHS and "The Bastards" from UAS will open a concert for "theLine" of Los Angeles. Saturday will be filled with a Glacier Walk at noon and a Winterfest Warm-up with free swimming with UAS ID at the Augustus Brown Pool. And finally, the closing event of every year is the Banff Festival of Mountain Films at Centennial Hall.

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Eric-Have a very Happy Birthday February 23! Have fun and don't party too hard...(yeah right!) Well anyway, be safe! Cheers from the Whalesong staff.

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